

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
concerning

**TENTATIVE ORDER AMENDING  
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER R5-2017-0085  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)  
PERMIT CAG585001  
FOR  
GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGERS THAT MEET OBJECTIVES/CRITERIA  
AT THE POINT OF DISCHARGE TO SURFACE WATER**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted General Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Wastewater Dischargers That Meet Objectives/Criteria at the Point of Discharge to Surface Water (Municipal General Order) on 11 August 2017. The Municipal General Order is for major and minor discharges from publicly owned treatment works or privately owned treatment works. The Municipal General Order is for facilities that provide secondary, advanced-secondary, or tertiary treatment for municipal and domestic wastewater and comply with effluent limitations at the point of discharge to receiving surface waters within the Central Valley Region.

A tentative Order is proposed to amend the Municipal General Order and includes editorial and clarifying changes. The significant changes include approval of a zinc water effects ratio for the City of Placerville's Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility, updated screening levels for mercury, new effluent limitations and screening levels for discharges to the Sacramento River and its tributaries above the state Highway 32 Bridge at Hamilton City, revised effluent limitations for salinity, revised requirements for Salinity Evaluation and Minimization Plans, and new requirements for Recycled Water Policy Annual Reports. Significant clarifying changes include addition of the Provisions and Requirements Implementing State Law Finding, addition of a flow prohibition, correction of effluent limitations in Table 16B Effluent Limitations – Ammonia Nitrogen Total (as Nitrogen) Based on Criteria Maximum Concentration (Salmonids Present), addition of dissolved organic carbon monitoring for effluent and receiving water, and incorporation of requirements to ensure compliance with the Sufficiently Sensitive Methods Rule.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 16/17 April 2020  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: First Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2020**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

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Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board email at [RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than **5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2020**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 13 March 2020** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any Designated Party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Michelle Snapp at (916) 464-4824 or [Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Snapp@waterboards.ca.gov). Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's

[Tentative Orders Page](#)

([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)). Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Redding Office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, California, 96002; the Rancho Cordova Office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670; or the Fresno Office at 1685 E. Street, Fresno, California, 93706 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The**

[Final Meeting Agenda](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) **will be available at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

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([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq.

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([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml)) is available on the Central Valley Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

***Original Signed by***

ADAM LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

**12 February 2020**